# **Fiscal Note**

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> **NETWORKS** Allocation: Tax Division

Sponsor: WOOL OMB Component Number: 2476

Requester: (H) Finance **Expenditures/Revenues** 

Note: Amounts do not include in	nflation unless	otherwise noted	below.			(Thousand	s of Dollars)
		Included in					
	FY2023	Governor's					
	Appropriation	FY2023	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Requested	Request					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fund Source (Operating Only)		<u> </u>	1				
None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Positions							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							
Change in Revenues							
None	***		***	***	***	***	***
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***
Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost:			0.0	(separate supplemental appropriation required)			
Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost:			0.0	(separate capital appropriation required)			
Does the bill create or modify			No				
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fun	d - discuss reas	sons and fund s	source(s) in ana	llysis section)			
ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS Does the bill direct, or will the bil				• .	'es		
If yes, by what date are the regu	lations to be ac	dopted, amende	ed or repealed?	1:	2/31/22		
Why this fiscal note differs fro							
Updated date regulations need t	n he adonted h	v and added E	V2021 collection	20			

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#### FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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# **Analysis**

#### **Background**

Alaska currently imposes under AS 43.52 an excise tax on the lease or rental of passenger and recreational vehicles in the state if the lease or rental of the vehicle does not exceed 90 consecutive days. The rate of the tax for passenger vehicles is 10% of the total fees and costs charged for the lease or rental of the passenger vehicle. The rate of the tax for recreational vehicles is 3% of the total fees and costs charged for the lease or rental of the recreational vehicle. Current statutes provide a limited ability to enforce the tax on private vehicle rentals.

The proposed legislation would apply the current vehicle rental tax to all vehicle rentals regardless of how they are rented. This bill expands the taxpayer base of the vehicle rental tax to include online or virtual peer-to-peer vehicle rental platforms, and makes clear that private vehicle rentals are taxable when made on a peer-to-peer platform and that the platform provider would be the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue, Tax Division is aware of at least four businesses arranging vehicle rentals in the state that do so online and have not paid the vehicle rental tax. The proposed legislation would bring some additional revenue back into the general fund which has been eroded due to the creation of peer-to-peer vehicle rental platforms which do not pay the tax. These companies are arranging rentals which have historically been provided by traditional vehicle rental companies which do pay the tax. The proposed legislation would take effect immediately.

## **Revenue Impact**

The Department of Revenue has collected an average of \$10.9 million in vehicle rental taxes over the past four years. In FY2019, the revenue from the vehicle rental tax was \$11.4 million. In FY2020, the revenue from the vehicle rental tax was \$9.7 million. In FY2021, the revenue from the vehicle rental tax was \$7.9 million. This bill would expand the taxpayer base of the tax and, therefore, would have a positive effect on revenue.

The Department of Revenue has limited data on peer-to-peer rental information in Alaska and would need to make many assumptions to come up with an estimated revenue impact. Therefore, the change in tax revenue is indeterminate.

### **Implementation Cost**

This proposed legislation does not change the tax itself, it merely expands the taxpayers subject to it. This bill would not require the Department of Revenue to make changes to its Tax Revenue Management System (TRMS). Therefore, there would be no cost to the department for implementation. Additional review and audit work would be absorbed by existing staff.

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